Sugimoto Iqura

Now that the third volume is here,
I've finally realized that it's been a year since I started this manga.
That's strange; it feels like it was just yesterday...
But it hasn't even been a month in the manga. As the author, I feel that too.

I'll probably end up like Tarou Urashima.

Sometime in the future, I'll use a whole volume for just one question...!
...Well, maybe, maybe not. That would test the limits of my skills.
I'll do my best...!!

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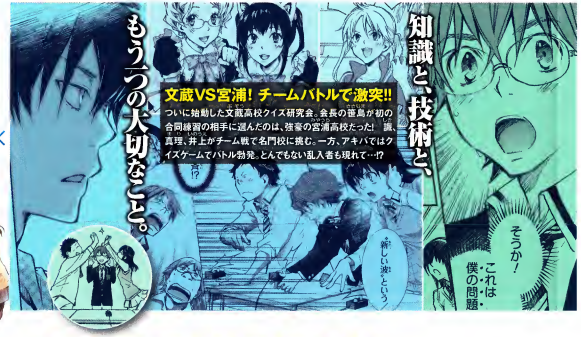

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Knowledge, technique,
and one more important thing.

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GOO-...
D...
Huh?
S-...
MELLS
...
ずる...
WAHHH
...CRUD
バタ!!

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Here Comes the Veterans

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登場人物&ストーリー

笹島学人（ささじまがくと）
文蔵高校二年生。文蔵高校クイ研の会長。超名門高校・開城学園から転入してきた。

井上大将（いのうえだいすけ）
文蔵高校一年生。識・真理の同級生で、下心からクイ研に参加。オタク系問題が得意。

御来屋（みくりや）
文蔵の隣町にある宮浦高校の一年生。新入生らしからぬ実力を誇るクイズプレーヤー。

越山識（こしやましき）
文蔵高校一年生。引っ込み思案な本の虫で、知識量は底知れず。得意分野は文学・歴史など。

深見真理（ふかみまり）
文蔵高校一年生。識の同級生で競技クイズの経験者。ベタ問の早押しはなかなかのもの。

一人ぼっちの少年が出会った、めくるめく競技クイズの世界――。

前巻までのあらすじ

▶知識と推理で難問を正解

▶実戦の中で才能が開花

▶御来屋は識を対等の相手と認め…

高校入学早々、識が勧誘を受けたのは、怪しげな先輩・笹島が会長を務める「クイズ研究会」だった。ひょんなことから早押しクイズ大会に出場した識は、競技クイズ経験者の真理を押さえ、みごと難問に正解。真理にその知識量を見込まれ、各校のクイ研が集う新人大会に出場することになる。そこで識が見たのは、0.1秒の差を争うめくるめく世界――。ずば抜けた実力を持つ御来屋に圧倒されながらも、識は競技クイズにのめり込んでいく。そんな矢先、学校の図書室でくつろぐ識の前に、謎の少女が現れて…!?

競技クイズ KEYWORD 【ベタ問】

クイズ大会やクイズ番組で繰り返し出題される頻出問題。問題文が自然で美しく、答えも興味を引くものが多い。

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EARLY AFTERNOON, IN THE LIBRARY ROOM
I GENTLY REACH OUT MY HAND IN THIS QUIET SPACE
OUR FINGERS TOUCH
SORRY S-
AH
N... NO
AND I SENSE
A PRELUDE TO ROMANCE ---

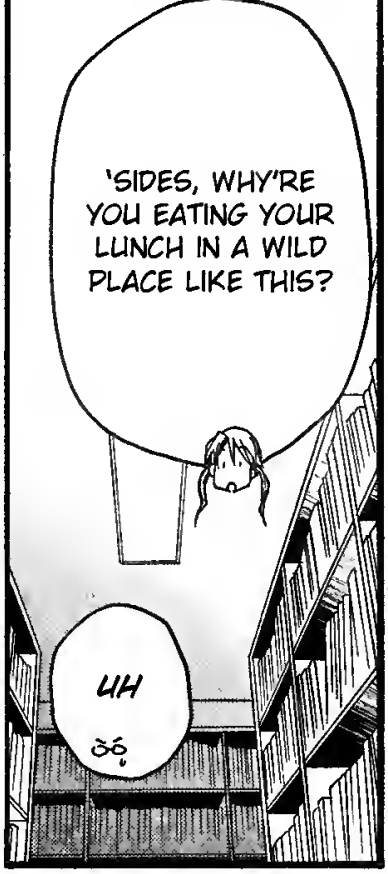
IT'S NOT LIKE
I HAD HIGH HOPES FOR THAT, BUT...!?
sorry
.....

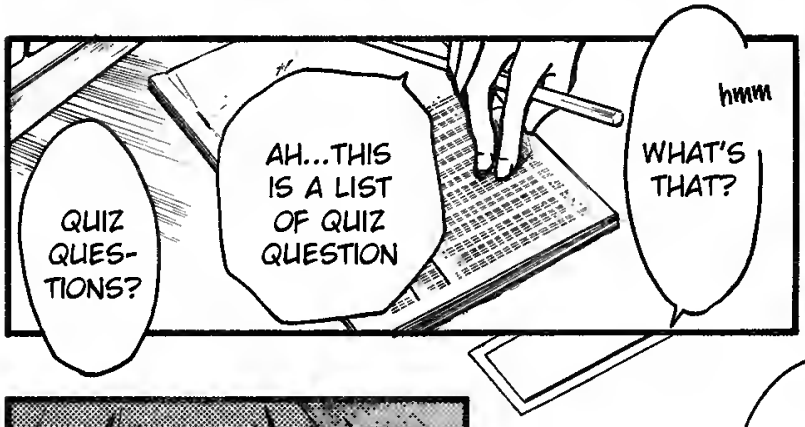
YOUR BLOOD'S WORTH BOTTLING, MATE
FOR SHARING ME HALF OF YOUR LUNCH
IT'S A GOOD THING...THAT I HAVEN'T EATEN FROM THAT PART YET
NO WORRIES, NO WORRIES!
She's from Kansai!?
THESE EGGS ARE SWEET!!

SHOULDN'T THE LIBRARY ...
BE A MUCH CALMER PLACE!?
I'VE SEEN
ONE GIRL TRIP AND SHOW HER PANTIES
AND ANOTHER GIRL COLLAPSE FROM HUNGER
and eat my lunch
Isn't just having one chopstick a bad omen...
NO...
I USUALLY ONLY EAT HALF OF THIS ANY-WAYS...
THANKS HEAPS!
I'LL RETURN THE FAVOUR SOMETIME, SOMEWHERE!!
HMM, YOU DON'T EAT MUCH, MATE
YOU WON'T GROW BIG, YOU KNOW?
I MEAN...
HAVE I SEEN THIS GIRL BEFORE ...?

Note: A bowl of rice with a single chopstick sticking out of it is a common offering to dead people.

I-IT'S TRUE
BE-... BECAUSE I LIKE BOOKS?


'SIDES, WHY'RE YOU EATING YOUR LUNCH IN A WILD PLACE LIKE THIS?
UH


QUIZ QUES-TIONS?
AH...THIS IS A LIST OF QUIZ QUESTION
hmm
WHAT'S THAT?

WOAH
WHO ANSWERED "DAS GEMEINE"!
OHH
YOU'RE THAT BLOKE FROM THE WELCOMING CEREMONY

SOMEONE I DON'T KNOW KNOWS ABOUT ME!!
I LOVE MY HOBBY SO MUCH THAT I'VE BEEN USING THE LUNCH MOOLAH FROM MY OLDIES ON IT
OH... that's why you were starving
HAVING A HOBBY IS BEAUT, MATE!
てへ
EVEN GETTING THE TOOLS REQUIRES MOOLAH
もぐもぐ
AH
AN OPENING!
egg get!!
...HUH?

KOSHIYAMA ...?

Fu-
FUKAMI
...
ROO?

UMMMMM, ERR, THIS IS...
WHY AM I PANICK-ING!?
!!
Wa-
GAG
WA-TER
...
HUH !?

KOSHI-YAMA,
DID YOU KNOW THAT GIRL?
HUH?
.....
ばたばた
SHE'S THE GIRL WHO RODE ON PRESIDENT SASAJIMA'S BIKE
AH
AHHH
You're right!!
YOUR LUNCH...
HUH?
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE I'VE FIRST SEEN HER, SO I DIDN'T NOTICE!!

TH-THAT'S BECAUSE
SHE COLLAPSED FROM STARVATION
SO I GAVE HER HALF...
THAT GIRL...
ATE YOUR LUNCH...
HUH!?
what do you mean!?
EVEN THOUGH I STILL HAVEN'T ...
huh?
--- WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME??
NO WAY
LUNCH IS ALREADY OVER!?
I mean
THAT GIRL ISN'T BACK YET
AND SHE LEFT HER BOOK
Book: Applications of Sequential Control Systems

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT SHE WAS ACTUALLY AFTER MY LUNCH...
Speaking of authors from the Taisho era---
The best short story writer of contemporary Japanese literature
was a close follower of Natsume Souseki's style...
You know about his work "The Spider's Thread," right?
DID IT LOOK THAT DELICIOUS?

JUST WHO WAS THAT GIRL?
ANYWAYS,
IT SEEMS LIKE THIS BOOK
WAS HERS, SO I TOOK IT, BUT...

...yama
Title: Quiz Buzzer Lamp Indication Circuit
Subtitle: Only light the lamp of the buzzer that was pressed first (Interlock Circuit)
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THIS BOOK-MARKED PAGE...
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND SCIENCE STUFF LIKE THIS, BUT...
PRESIDENT SASAJIMA WOULD GIVE THIS BACK TO THAT GIRL IF I GAVE THIS TO HIM, HUH
KOSHI-YAMA!
YES oh
MAYBE SHE'S CONNECTED TO QUIZZES AS WELL?
OKAY...
UM...
I SEE. THEN GIVE ME A ROUGH IDEA OF AKUGATAGAWA RYUUNOSUKE'S STYLE
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? ARE YOU LISTENING?
UM, ER... YEA...

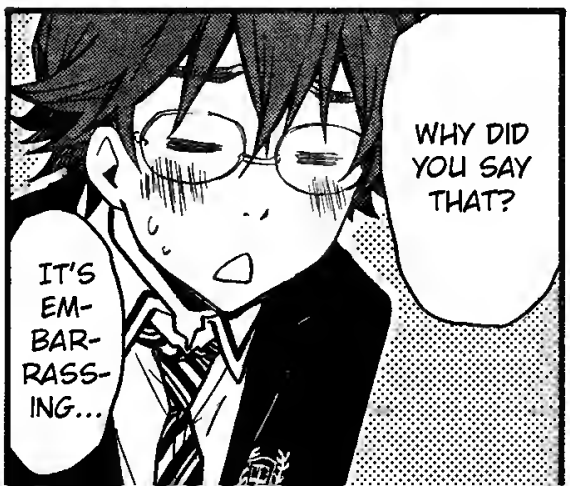
IS IT "HIS WORKS WERE MODELED AFTER ANCIENT TEXTS SUCH AS 'KONJAKU MONOGATARISHUU' AND 'UJI SHUUI MONOGATARI'"?
THAT'S NOT WRONG, BUT HE WAS ALSO INSPIRED BY CONTEMPORARY WESTERN EUROPEAN LITERATURE...
GIVE ME A ROUGH IDEA... WHAT A VAGUE QUESTION...
.....
THE FIRST WORKS THAT I CAN THINK OF ARE "RASHOMON" AND "HELL SCREEN"...
IT WOULD BE EASIER IF HE GAVE ME A MORE PRECISE QUESTION...
I HAVE TO GATHER MY THOUGHTS, PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THEM, AND PUT IT INTO MY OWN WORDS...
THAT'S WHY I'M BAD AT THIS...
WHAT'S WRONG, KOSHIYAMA?
YES, WHAT IF...
I UNDER-STAND...
UM
NO
SEE, YOU WEREN'T LISTENING TO THE LECTURE AT ALL

one answer for each question!
BUT WHAT IF YOU GAVE ME QUIZ QUESTIONS...
AH
that idiot...

ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME!?
S-S-S-
SORRY

DON'T MAKE FUN, KURODA...
IS FUKAMI STARTING TO RUB OFF ON YOU?
Joining a group of weirdos...:

1-D
see ya!
Ahahaha
WHAT YOU MEAN, "QUIZ"
YOU'RE SO HILARIOUS!

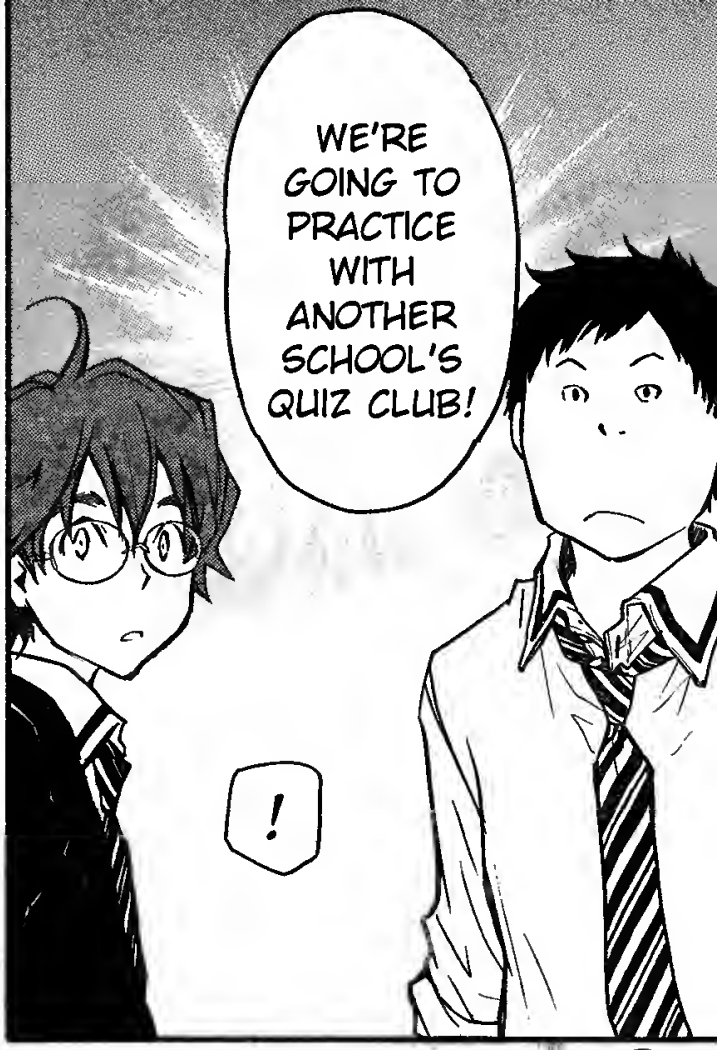

WHY DID YOU SAY THAT?
IT'S EM-BAR-RASS-ING...

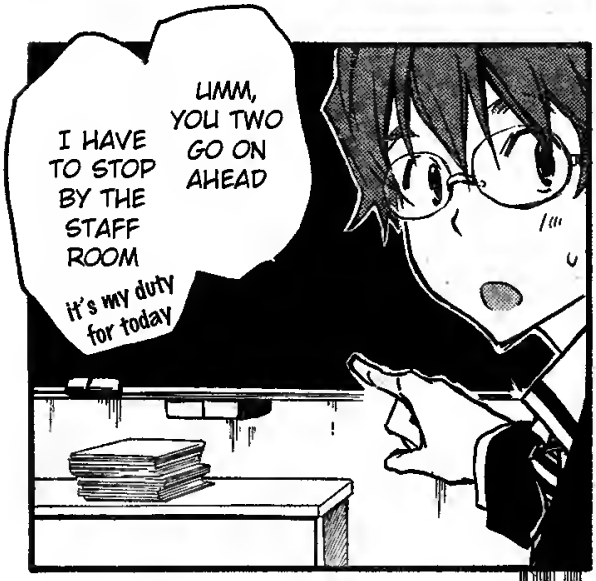
YEP!
AND LIKE FUKAMI, I'M ALSO A LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEMBER!
LIKE FUKAMI, I'M IN THE QUIZ GROUP!
HE MADE QUIZ GROUP MEMBERS LIKE ME AND FUKAMI LOOK BAD!
HE'S A REALLY EMBARRASSING GUY!
WHAT, ARE YOU ALSO IN IT?
Inoue

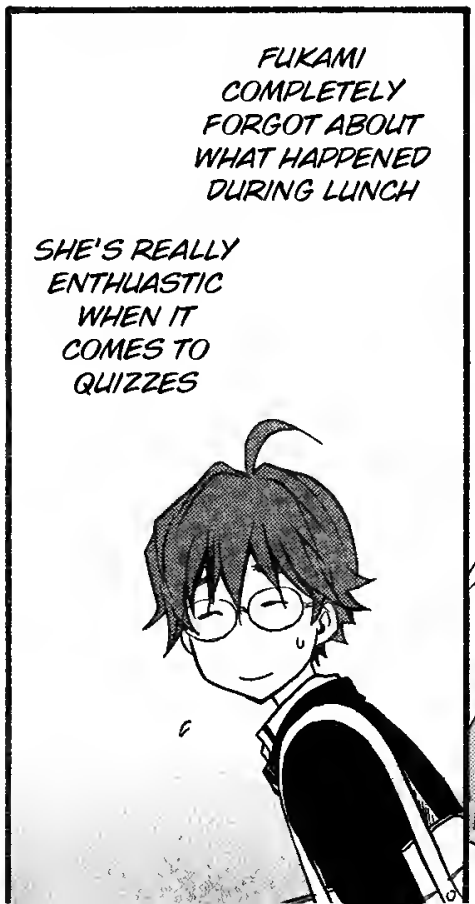
Ah
KURODA, YOUR CLASS NOTEBOOK...
ALREADY PUT IT IN THE PILE
TIME FOR CLUB~~~
NOW THEN
THAT'S WHY THE ONE CLOSEST TO FUKAMI ISN'T THIS GUY, BUT...

I HEARD THAT TODAY...
GO TO THE QUIZ GROUP ASAP
AH!
YOU TWO WERE STILL HERE!

I DIDN'T ASK,
BUT I'M SO EXCITED!
WHICH SCHOOL?
let's go


WE'RE GOING TO PRACTICE WITH ANOTHER SCHOOL'S QUIZ CLUB!
!


UMM, YOU TWO GO ON AHEAD
I HAVE TO STOP BY THE STAFF ROOM
it's my duty for today


FUKAMI COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED DURING LUNCH
SHE'S REALLY ENTHUSIASTIC WHEN IT COMES TO QUIZZES

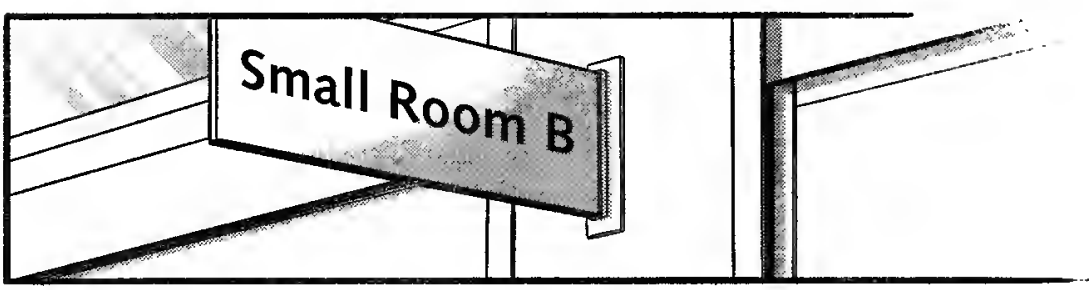
GOTCHA
DO IT QUICKLY, KOSHIYAMA!
I WONDER IF IT'S ASAGAOKA GIRLS' HIGH...

---WELL, I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE
HAVE I STARTED SEEING THINGS IN TERMS OF QUIZZES ALREADY...
QUIZZES ARE SCARY!
heave-ho
...JOINT PRACTICE, HUH
I WONDER WHICH QUIZ CLUB IS COMING
THERE'S A FEW OF THESE "SMALL ROOMS", RIGHT?
Where's B?
Dunno
THE ONE THAT THE QUIZ GROUP IS USING
QUIZ GROUP? OH, THE QUIZ STUDY GROUP?
THAT GROUP IS STILL RUNNING?
HAHA... IT'S OKAY
Thanks
SMALL ROOM B?

JUST AS I THOUGHT, ALL OF THE OTHER QUIZ CLUBS ARE SO LOW-PROFILE
WELL, OUR QUIZ CLUB *IS* THE BEST

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME
AH
THEN AGAIN,
I need to go the bathroom first
Do you know where we're going?
I SHOULD HAVE JUST WAITED...
There you are
RAG... RAG-NAROK!
wah
Mi-
MI-KURI-YA!?
WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
AH, FOR THE JOINT PRAC-TICE!?
THAT'S RIGHT!
TAKE ME TO SMALL ROOM B NOW!
O-OKAY
Why are you so mad?

WELL, THEY ARE IN THE NEIGH-BORING TOWN
OUR PRACTICE PARTNER IS MIYAURA, HUH...
I WONDER IF I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE MIKURIYA'S INSANE BUZZING-IN TODAY
I'M SO EXCITED...!
I mean
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR QUIZ GROUP?
Y... YEA
No one knows about it
...YOU'RE SO STRANGE ...
Are you a mime?
BUT WE ONLY HAVE THAT CALCU-LATOR!!
What are we going to do!?


Small Room B

Yo
SORRY FOR BEING LATE
OH, THAT TOOK YOU A LONG TIME, MIKURIYA
DID YOU TAKE A DUMP?
I JUST GOT LOST!!
NOW EVERYONE'S HERE

HERE'S WHAT YOU WANTED, SASAJIMA
THE NEW MEMBERS OF MIYAURA HIGH QUIZ CLUB
AND ONE SET OF QUIZ BUZZERS
WOAH!!

IT'S NOT A CALCULATOR!
LOOK, IT'S THE REAL THING!!
AH... IS THAT WHAT YOU REALLY WANTED?
REAL BUZZERS ARE SO GREAT!!

I'LL NOW ANNOUNCE THE RULES FOR THE DAY!
NOW

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